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On *Psalms* cxlvii. *vers.* I.

*Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing
Praises unto our God; for it is pleasant,
and Praise is comely.*



THIS Psalm, from the 2d *verse* thereof, does seem to be composed after the Return from the Captivity : It is an excellent *Thanksgiving Hymn* on the Honour of God, drawn from several Particulars of the Manifestation of his Goodness.

Praise ye the Lord, for it is good, &c. The Meaning of which may be thus briefly paraphras'd : O joyn with me, all that are capable of this pious Exercise, in praising our Great God; for you are invited to this Duty, by the extraordinary Pleasure and Satisfaction which attends it.

We are, in this Psalm, exhorted to Praise God for the Care of his Church, his Power, his Providence, his Blessing upon the Kingdom, &c.

The whole *Book of Psalms* is scarce any thing else, but a Collection of Praises and Thanksgivings for the great Mercies, and signal Deliverances, vouchsafed to the Righteous Authors; or to the Israelites, the peculiar People of God.

We are Assembled here this Day, in a Solemn Manner, by his *Majesty's* Command, to express our dutifull Thanksgiving to God, for his Blessing upon his *Majesty's* Councils and Arms in suppressing the late *unnatural Rebellion*: I hope all that are here present have sincerely join'd in the *Forms* of our *Devotion*, that our Thanks may be heard at the Throne of Grace for our future Preservation: It was of the Lord's Mercy that we were not utterly consumed, and given over as a Prey to our implacable Enemies, and to them who irreconcilably hate us. The Powers of *Hell*, and the Powers of *Rome* rose up against us, and against his *Anointed Vicegerent*, our gracious Sovereign *King George*, and the whole *Protestant Royal Family*.

I shall not entertain you with the doubtfull Fragments of *News-Papers*, nor with the melancholy Stories of our slaughter'd Countrymen, and impoverish'd Families; but offer to your serious Thoughts the following Particulars.

First, I shall shew you briefly and plainly the Nature of Government in general, of our own in particular, and the Wickedness of the Rebellion which was rais'd to destroy it.

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Secondly, I shall expose the first Authors of the late *Rebellion*.

Lastly, I shall exhort you to the best manner of Praising God, by earnestly recommending the Duty of Loyalty and undissembled Obedience to his present Majesty.

First, I shall shew you briefly and plainly the Nature of Government, &c.

Kings and Subjects have a mutual Relation; one is to Protect, and the other to Obey: When Princes decree Equity, and justly Govern by stated and well concerted Laws, they are the true Ordinancy of God, and must be obey'd for *Peace and Conscience sake*; and to resist such lawful Authority, *St. Paul* (who knew his Duty as well as the best Politician of us all) tells us, is *Damnation*. This he said, when a Monster of Mankind wore the Imperial Purple, and govern'd the wide extended Empire of *Rome*. The wise Institution of Civil Government was design'd to prevent the savage Disorders, and controul the ungovernable Fury, Ambition and Cruelty of Mankind: God himself was undoubtedly the Author of Political Order, and Combinations; and all the Powers, that be, are ordain'd of him; as the great Apostle assures us. Government was contriv'd for the Good and Benefit of every Individual in each respective Society, of what *Form* soever; but this *Form* was never limited by God, so that Men were at Liberty to submit

mit to be govern'd by *One* or *More*, as they judged, with Deliberation, most conducive to the Welfare and Prosperity of the whole Society. Good and Wise, and Learned Men, have vehemently, but needlessly, contended about the Preference of the various Constitutions establish'd in the World: Some highly approve and commend the Government of a single Person, which is stil'd *Monarchy*: Some warmly declare that a Select Number of the *Nobility* should have the commanding *Authority*; and this is term'd *Aristocracy*: Others (who envy the Happiness of all above them, and are of the *Levelling* Principles) strenuously argue that the common People should take their turns in the Supreme Administration; and this is called *Democracy*. Now, if every zealous *Patron* of these respective *Models* did not confidently, and with Scripture Proofs, assert his own to be the *best*, and the other to be the *worst* contriv'd; a great deal of Ink, and Pains, and Passion might be spar'd. For the Circumstances of *Situation*, and the original *Settlement* for Reciprocal Convenience and Preservation, and many more Reasons I could name, may justify the Expediency of every *Species* of Government in distinct Countries: To aver that *one Form* should be observ'd in every Nation of the Earth, and that the Divine Monarch of the World has thus ordain'd and commanded it, is a whimsical *Speculation*, and can never be prov'd, till all the Kingdoms of the World shall have their everlasting Dissolution. The *Form* of Government, under which we live, is Monarchy; but
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God be thanked, not that which is *Absolute*: And if we consider the admirable Temper of it, the Justice and Wisdom of our Laws, and the Greatness of our Liberties and Priviledges, we have no reason to envy the Condition of any People upon Earth: But we have unhappily seen and felt the Hands of those, who would have deprived us of these Blessings, and totally subverted and dissolv'd our justly admir'd Constitution. The celebrated Doctrines of *Passive Obedience* and *Non-resistance* lie clouded and conceal'd; and the zealous Maintainers of them, have wiped off their *Tears*, and clear'd their *Eye-sight*, that they may see the better to direct their *Arms* against their lawful Sovereign; and, I am sorry to say it, have unbended their *Knees* to open their *Mouths* the wider, that they might shoot out their Arrows, even *bitter Words*, against a Prince, whose Study and Delight is to make his Subjects easy, wealthy, and happy.

To go on, I take it for granted that every *Species* of Government, which I have named, is lawful; and I believe it will not be denied that our Obedience is due, under the Penalty of *Damnation*, to the *Supreme Power* wherever it is lodg'd: Subjects, for their own sakes, and for the general good of the whole Community, are oblig'd to *Reverence*, *Obeys* and *Honour* the chief Magistrate; to maintain the *Esteem* and *Credit* of his *Administration*; to yield a chearful and sincere Submission to the *Laws*, and prevent and suppress all *Publick Disturbances* and *Seditious Attempts*: No Exception is to be allow'd, but where the Com-

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mands and Injunctions are manifestly contrary to our Duty to God; for the Laws of *God* supercede the Laws of *Men*; and Princes themselves are Subjects to the Almighty Governour, and Rebel against him, when they break his Laws, or prohibit their Subjects to do what he has prescrib'd, or command them to do what he has forbid.

This is a Copious Subject, and large Volumes have been filled with it; but I beg leave to add a few Words, in respect to the *present Establishment*, and what regards our *Obedience* to his Majesty *King George*.

When *King James* the II.^d *Abdicated* the Throne, the Crown was happily settled on *King William* and *Queen Mary*, and their lawful Issue. It having pleased God to call for her into his own Kingdom; the King, Lords, and Commons, (reflecting on the late danger of Popery, and the Inconsistency of a *Popish Ruler* over *Protestant Subjects*) with consummate Wisdom and solid Deliberation, provided for our future Happiness and Safety, by transferring the Right of *Succession* (in case of Failure of Issue of the Princess *Anne* of *Denmark*) to the Illustrious House of *Hanover*, excluding all Papists, and those who married Papists: There was a further Security and Limitation in the sixth Year of the Reign of *Queen Anne*: Upon her *Demise* the *Succession* took place, and the Elector of *Brunswick* (for so he was then stil'd) was chearfully (in all Appearance) importun'd to hasten to wear that *Crown*, which so legally descended to him. His expecting People receive him with pleasing Acclamations, and
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in proper time, with the solemnity of an Oath, oblige themselves to *unequivocating* Obedience. There was, it must be confess'd, an Impudent Pretender to the Crown; but he had been long *Attainted*, and often solemnly *Abjur'd*. What more is requir'd for a *Recognition*? What better Right, what stronger Security can a King of *Great-Britain* desire or expect? what greater Obligations to *Allegiance* can Faithful Subjects offer to their Prince? Yet with Horrour and Astonishment I speak it, too many *Hands*, which were just remov'd from the *Bible*, were laid upon the Sword, and drew it against a Prince, for whose *Defence* they had Sworn to wear it.

This is not matter of *Notion* and craz'd *Fancy*, but matter of *Fact*. The vilest and lowest part of the People began with opprobrious Language and tumultuous Rage to insult their Royal-Sovereign, and plunder their Fellow Subjects; and then Perfidious *Nobles* and *Gentlemen* display'd the *Impostor's* Standard, and enter'd into the Field with Military Preparations to *Dethrone* and Sacrifice a *Protestant Prince*, in order to set up a *Young Man*, who had imbib'd the *Political* Principles of *Lewis* the XIV.th, and the *Religious* Doctrines of the worst of *Papists*, the Disciples of *Ignatius Loyola*. Strange to see another *Gun-Powder-Treason*! But this was plac'd in other sort of *Barrels*, and the bold Invaders wanted no *Dark-Lanthorn* to see the way to the *Train*; *Rebellious War* was Proclaim'd, the *Artillery* discharg'd, and *Hostilities* committed: Now the dreadful Scene was opening,
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and a long Happy, Quiet Nation, was threaten'd with the wasting Calamities of an Intestine War, which can hardly be describ'd on *Paper*, and with difficulty lye on the *Imagination*.

Many of our *Fathers* had seen a *Rebellion* in their Days, and had heard of some *in the Old Time before them*; but when they had told their *Children* the same, they thought the Impression would be so deep and lasting, and the Means and Effects of them, being expos'd to continual View, that *England* would be secure from such Miseries, and Follies, and Madness for ever. The very Word *Rebellion* is shocking, and carries in it every Species of Evil, and must necessarily put us in mind of the *Arch-rebel*, who attempted to Dethrone his Almighty Maker. But *hear O Heavens!* and *give Ear O Earth!* We have seen one in our own Time, and in our own Country, which is unprecedented, because without *Provocation*, or the least Rational *Excuse*: I am unwilling to think, very many, especially Protestants, were let into the deep-laid Design, before it Broke out; but to their Shame be it spoken, too many then Embark'd in the *Popish Interest*, and too many now daily Betray their *Rebellious* Dispositions: But, God be praised, well, and close concerted Measures were early pursued, spreading Tumults seasonably suppress'd; and, at last, the daring Hopes of the *Pretender*, and his infatuated *Adherents*, were gloriously Baffled, by the uncorrupted Loyalty of sincere *Protestants*, Nobles and Gentlemen; and the experienc'd *Bravery* of the Officers and Soldiers.

Secondly,

Secondly, I descend to expose the first Authors of this Rebellion: And here I must take the Liberty to lay this heavy Charge upon *Foreign* and *Domestick Papists*.

When King *Henry* the 8th assum'd the *Supremacy*, and all *Appeals* to the *Bishop of Rome* were become unserviceable and unnecessary, a strong Blow was struck in the Papal Interest here; but when his Son, and Successor, laid the Ax to the Root of the Tree, and no more Fruit was likely to drop into the *Holy Father's* Lap, he study'd all the Arts and Methods of Revenge, and would have parted with *Two* of his own *Crowns*, to have taken off *One*, which the Young Prince wore. Death, indeed, shook it off in a few Years; and his Sister was ready to lay her *Crown*, and her Self at his Feet, if her *Honour* had not been soon laid in the *Dust*: Then succeeded that Great, and Wise, and Pious Queen, who laid a deep Foundation for our *Church*; and *England*, from that Time, has been the main Strength of the *Reformation*: However, the Court of *Rome* has been playing its Batteries against this Quarter, ever since we left it, upon the Account of its Idolatrous, Superstitious, and Innovating Principles: What Restless Endeavours, what Secret Plots, what Horrid Conspiracies, what Foreign Attempts, what Domestick Treasons were carried on, during the Reign of that unparellel'd Princess?

There are some Things in *her* Reign, which may not be improper to Remark, for the Instruction and

Caution of those who live in the present, and who are *ignorantly Zealous* for the Pretender. After the Suppression of the Rebellion in the *North*, under the Earls of *Westmorland* and *Northumberland*, about the Year 1569, the Court of *Rome* began to despair of succeeding in their Design, of retrieving their Power and Credit in this Kingdom, and were apprehensive, that Time and Persecution might wear off the Remainder of their Party; for abundance of them were Executed, Banish'd, and Imprisoned: To prevent this Misfortune, they projected the Founding *Seminaries*; that, by such a *Reserve*, they might be Furnish'd with *English* Missionaries to perpetuate and increase their *Communion*. This Scheme was executed, and the College of *Doway* founded this Year, at the Charge of *Philip* the II^d, King of *Spain*: *Dr. Allen*, an *Englishman*, was made Head of it. In the Year 1579, a College at *Rome* was founded for the same Purpose, by *Gregory* the XIIIth, who settl'd 4000 Crowns *per Annum*, to Subsist the Society: The famous *Robert Parsons*, an *English Jesuit*, was Rector of this College. King *Philip* Founded another of these Nurseries at *Valadolid*, *Anno Domini* 1589. and one at *Seville*, in 1593. The same Prince Founded *St. Omers* in *Artois*, 1596. Beside these, in the next Century, *Madrid*, *Louvain*, *Leige*, and *Ghent*, afforded each of them a Foundation for the same Business: The two Colleges of *Doway*, and *Rome*, received such Incouragement, and flourish'd to that degree; that we are told by *Sanders* a Priest, above Three hundred had been sent off from thence into *England*. When

When the Members of these Societies were admitted, they took an Oath *to enter into Holy Orders, and to return into England, to Convert the Souls of their Countrymen, and Kindred, when, and as often as it shall seem good, to the Superior of this College.*

To give farther Encouragement, Pope *Pius* the Vth sent his *Brief* to the Students of these Colleges to Execute their Scheme, and undertake the Mission for *England*; and that they might Act without Clashing, and with the better Harmony, he put them all under the Direction of Dr. *Alan*, afterwards *Cardinal*.

I hope you will not be Impatient, if I present you with some Things Remarkable in the following Reign; and here I shall take leave to shew the dying Exhortations and Confessions of some of the *Romish* Communion, who suffered for the *Gun-Powder Plot*.

Guy Faux, when he came to be executed in the *Palace-Yard* at *Westminster*, declared his Repentance more remarkably than the rest, and exhorted all *Roman Catholicks*, never to engage in any such Bloody Enterprize, it being a Method never allow'd nor prosper'd by God Almighty. As to the Conspirators, observes my Author, 'twas a pure bigotted Frenzy for their Religion, which push'd them upon this Attempt; the Government had given then no Manner of *Provocation*: For before this Conspiracy, adds he, no *Papists* had been punish'd in this Reign, either in Person or Fortune.

Henry Garnet, Provincial of the *English* Jesuits, was executed at the *West-End* of *St. Paul's*, for concealing

cealing the Powder Treason. At the Place of Execution, he frankly acknowledg'd the Crime, declar'd himself heartily sorry for it; and ask'd Pardon of God and the King: He pray'd for his Majesty, and all the Royal Issue; and admonish'd all *Catholicks* never to Attempt any Insurrection, or violent Practice, against the King and Government: For all Engagements of this Nature were wholly inconsistent with the Catholick Religion.

Blackwell, the Arch-Priest, had the Honesty to declare his Abhorrence of the *Powder-Plot*, and wrote two Letters to dissuade the *Roman Catholicks* from all violent Practices against the Government. He calls it, in one Letter, a *Detestable* and *Damnable* Practice: And in another, he says, He has a more particular Authority from the *Pope* (*Paul V.*) to write to those of his Communion, to suppress all such Attempts and Proceedings for Liberty.

We find this *Pope* exhorting, indeed, to a peaceable Temper, and expressing his Dislike of disturbing the Government they live under; but yet he sends a *Brief* to dissuade the *Roman Catholicks* from taking the Oath of *Allegiance*; but the *Pope*, and *Cardinal Bellarmine* too, grossly mistook this Oath for that of *Supremacy*, as *K. James* observ'd in his Apology for that Oath: For the Oath of *Allegiance* (as a Learned Church Historian observes) makes no Decision between the *Pontificate* and *Regale*. 'Tis design'd for no more than a Test of Loyalty: 'Twas contrived only to distinguish those who believe the *Pope* a temporal Monarch

narch over all *Christendom*, and supposed the King had forfeited his Dominions by his Revolt, as they call it, from the See of *Rome*: 'Twas to distinguish, adds he, such intolerable Bigots from other *Roman Catholics* of sounder Principles; from such who are ready to stand by their Prince, though under never so great a Misperuasion; who readily grant, that neither Schism nor Heresy can affect a Title to the Crown, or disable the Prince's Government.

The Learned Mr. *Du-Pin* takes Notice, these *Briefs* of *Pope Paul* are little to be regarded in this Matter; for, as this Gentleman observes, most of the *English Roman Catholics* took the Oath of *Allegiance* without the least Imputation of Heterodoxy; and not only *Blackwell*, but *Widdrington*, and several other Papists, wrote in Defence of it: And afterwards, when the *Sorbon* Divines were consulted upon the Case, whether this Oath might be sworn to King *Charles* the First, the Faculty made no Scruple to resolve the Question in the Affirmative. Thus we see the modern *Papists* have acted counter to a *Pope* and their Fathers, and may in time see and feel, that the young *Jesuits* are not wiser than the *old* ones; and that these bold Measures will never gain an Inch of Ground in this Kingdom. To proceed -----

When we come to consider the vast Increase of Wealth in *Great Britain*, since our Separation from the Church of *Rome*, we may cease to wonder at their Attempts to establish their *Religion* here again. They have us'd all the sly Methods imaginable to split us

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into *Sects* and *Parties*, and artfully invented and kept up odious Characters and Names of Distinction. A Prince of their own Religion, lately, might have assisted them fully to accomplish their black Designs, if they had not been infatuated to pursue such quick, and open, and unpolirick Measures: They have been restless since, and working by the *Sap*. They have got Men of Figure, and in *Post*, to delude the common People; and those, who have better *Understanding*, as well as *Education*, to make a loud, but senseless Noise of the *Danger* of the *Church*. They trick'd Statesmen into a Belief, that the *French* King was *sincere*, and to grant more advantageous Concessions to *France* than they ever expected or demanded; and to sign Articles with *Spain*, to the Destruction of one of the most profitable Branches of *Commerce*. To make an end of this Particular; they have unaccountably engag'd *Protestants* to join with them to dethrone *King George*; whom they had solemnly own'd for their *Rightful and Lawful* King, and had sworn to discover all *traiterous Conspiracies* against him. They have made many simple Wretches believe, that the *Pretender* was a *Protestant*, when he himself does not own it in his *Declarations*; and if he was, it must be one of the greatest Absurdities and Contradictions in Nature to think, that the *Pope*, and Foreign *Popish* Powers, and those of the *Roman Catholick* Religion at Home, should spend their Blood and their Treasure to promote that *Religion*, which they have damn'd, and persecuted, and will always endeavour to extirpate.

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What Ravage, what Desolation and Slaughter must have been spread in every Corner of our Land, if a *Foreign Monarch* had been alive, or the Pretender, and his vile Adherents, had not been *Cowards*, I shall forbear to lay before you : God has fought for us, heard our Daily Prayers, and *confounded the Devices of our Enemies*, and brought some of them to an *open Shame* : To him let us ascribe all Praise and Thanks, that we were not brought under Axes and Sawes, and worse than *Egyptian Slavery*.

I descend now to exhort you, to the best Manner of praising God, by earnestly recommending the Duty of Loyalty, and undissembled Obedience to His present Majesty.

I am sorry to say it ; We live in an Age not very prone to admire and take Notice of any remarkable Instances of Divine Providence, either in our Preservation from Dangers, and Deliverances out of them ; for so great is the Security of some Men, that they are unwilling to apprehend any *Danger* 'till they fall into it ; and, if they escape, will hardly believe they were in it : And such is the Concernment of others to *baffle* all Evidences of Truth wherein their own Guilt is involv'd, that they all agree in robbing God of his Mercy, and ourselves of the Comfort of his Protection. But, blessed be God, who has hitherto defeated all the secret and subtil, and cruel Designs of the *triple-crown'd Bishop*, and his *Jesuited Incendiaries*.

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There was a Time in my Memory, when *Papery* was publickly tolerated and profess'd in this Realm; when Protestant *Officers* and *Magistrates* were remov'd, and those of the *Romish* Communion set up in their Places; when the whole *Constitution*, in *Church* and *State*, were at the Brink of Subversion; when the *Fathers* of our excellent *Church* were imprison'd, arraign'd and try'd for not Consenting to those Measures which directly tended to the Introduction of an *Idolatrous Religion*. I remember too, when the late *King of France* proclaim'd the Pretender *King of England*, &c. and when the whole Nation resented the Insolence, and *Address'd* and *Associated*, and spent Millions of Money, and Thousands of Lives, rather than *that Man* should reign over us. And yet, good God! the People are as forward and ready to bring in *Papery* now, as they were to keep it out then; and this *Popish Pretender* has dar'd to come into *Scotland*, in hopes that *Protestants* would perjure themselves, be reconcil'd to his Principles, and lead him in Triumph to the *Throne*. But, God be praised, Triumphs are reserv'd for Conquering Princes, and for one whose *Mediation* is now desir'd by those who have been sensible of his *Courage*.

We have a King, my Brethren, who has the best *Right and Title* the Laws can give; let us then honour him with the best *Member that we have*: Let us endeavour to make him easy, who studies to make us happy, rich, and powerful. If the Discountenancing, or Discharging of a few *Traiterous Courtiers*, is pretended

tended for the late wild Attempts, I hope his extensive Mercy to a Multitude of *Rebels*, will raise a Loyal Esteem and Honour in a Multitude of disaffected Subjects. If His *Wisdom* and *Courage* are both admir'd in distant Nations, let not Men illy insinuate a Disparaging Opinion of them at Home: He has certainly procur'd *beneficial Terms* for the Inlargement of our *Trade*; and if we'll let him live quiet and undisturb'd a few Years longer, and God is pleas'd to grant us that Blessing, you'll see the Glory and Riches of your Country rise, and flourish, and increase to the Admiration and Envy of all about us. It is commonly reported, He is going to visit his Native Country: I am satisfied, if we could behold the Expressions of Joy He'll meet with there, his true Subjects would be afraid he would never return to this *ungrateful Isle*. God go with him, and prosper him in all his Designs, and safely grant us his Presence again.

We are met here, this Day, to thank God for His *Preservation*: Let us not then *pray* for our King, and then *despise* and *revile* him: Let us not mock God, lest he should *laugh at our Calamities*, and *mock when our Fear cometh*. Loyalty is a Subject's Duty; and he, that would be a Subject of Heaven, must not *speak Evil of the Ruler of the People*. The great Apostles *St. Peter* and *St. Paul* must be allow'd to know our Duty and Religion best: Now if we consult their *Inspir'd Writings*, you'll find Precepts of *Honour* and *Obedience* to those who are call'd the *Higher Powers*.

The Scriptures inform us, how soon the stiff-neck'd *Jews* grew weary of the mild Government of *Moses*; and, in their Hearts (yea, and Words too) return'd into *Egypt*, whose Bondage they so lately groan'd under: I am unwilling to have any thing to accuse my own *Nation* of; but it must needs be unaccountable Stupidity to be so soon impatient under the Golden Scepter of a Gracious *Protestant Prince*, and to be fond of the *Iron Rod* of a *Popish Pretender*. For God's Sake, for your own Sakes, let not our *Divisions*, our *Inconstancy*, and our unreasonable *Jealousies*, become the Scorn and Jest of the Neighbouring Kingdoms. Let not the Fear of the *Church's Danger* become the *Ruin* of it. Give no Occasion for all our *Adversaries* to rejoyce; and to bring a Reproach upon the *Church of England*, with which it was never stain'd before.

In few Words; Love as Brethren, love as Countrymen, love as Protestants: Let all unnatural Feuds and Animosities be banish'd and forgotten: Let all hard Censures, and hard Names, sink into the *Pit* from whence they rose: Let *Evil-speaking*, and *Backbiting*, and *Malice*, and *Slander*, and abominable *Lying*, be put away from you, as becomes *Christians*, and those who expect to inherit the Kingdom of God. Let us study to be quiet, and to mind our own *Business*. Let us not look into the *Secrets* of Government; but search our own Hearts, and repent of those Sins which may provoke God to deliver us up into the Hands of those Men, who will force us to worship Images, to pray in an unknown

known Tongue, to invoke Saints, to burn our Bibles, and to renounce our Senses: *Fear the Lord, and serve him in Truth with all your Heart: And consider how great Things he hath done for you. Let us come before his Presence with Thanksgiving, and tell out his wondrous Works with Praise.* Let us be faithful and true Subjects to His most Excellent Majesty *King George*: Then may He *rejoyce in the Lord*, and wear His *Crown* in Peace, 'till He is translated into the Regions of eternal Bliss, and uninterrupted Happiness.

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